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In re application of: **Christian ABICHT et al.**
Serial No.: 10/537,969
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filed September 12, 2003
For: **ARTIFICIAL JOINT**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a **Response to Notification of Missing Requirements (NMP) (1 page)**, **Copy of NMP (2 pages)**, **Copy of Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney (4 pages)**, **Translation of Application (11 pages)**, **Preliminary Amendment (8 pages)** in the above-identified application.

- ☒ Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been previously established.
☐ Applicants assert small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27.
☒ No fee for additional claims is required.
☐ A filing fee for additional claims calculated as shown below, is required:

FOR:	(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)		SMALL ENTITY		OR	LARGE ENTITY	
	REMAINING	HIGHEST		RATE	FEE		RATE	FEE
	AFTER	PREVIOUSLY	PRESENT					
	AMENDMENT	PAID FOR	EXTRA					
TOTAL CLAIMS	* MINUS 20	=		x \$ 25	\$		x \$ 50	\$
INDEP. CLAIMS	* MINUS 3	=	0	x \$ 100	\$		x \$ 200	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+ \$ 180	\$		+ \$ 360	\$

TOTAL: \$ OR TOTAL: \$

- * If the entry in Co. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.
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- ☒ Also transmitted herewith are:
☐ Petition for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
☒ Other: Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages), Form PTO-1449 (1 page) and cited references
- ☒ Check(s) in the amount of \$195 is/are attached to cover:
☐ Filing fee for additional claims under 37 C.F.R. 1.16
☐ Petition fee for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
☒ Other: Fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.492(i) and fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.492(h)
- ☒ The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0552.
- ☒ Any filing fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 for the presentation of additional claims which are not paid by check submitted herewith.
- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17.
- ☒ Any petition fees for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 which are not paid by check submitted herewith, and it is hereby requested that this be a petition for an automatic extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136.

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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS

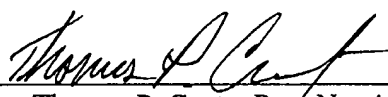
Sir:

This submission is in response to the Notification of Missing Requirements, dated December 8, 2005, a copy of which is enclosed. Please find enclosed a copy of an English translation of the application, an executed Declaration/Power of Attorney and a check in the amount of \$195.00 covering the processing fee and filing surcharge. Also enclosed is a preliminary amendment.

If any additional fees are deemed to be due at this time, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of the same to Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

Respectfully submitted,

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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Indication of Small Entity Status
- Copy of the International Application filed on 06/09/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 06/09/2005
- Oath or Declaration filed on 06/09/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 06/09/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 06/09/2005

Ipm 12/13/05
 ✓ 7/8/06 Missing Parts
 (Deadline)
 ✓ 2/8/06 Missing Parts
 (Due Date)
 ✓ 1/8/06 Reminder
 CES/TPC/WCA/UP

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Translation of the application into English. Note a processing fee will be required if submitted later than 30 months from the priority date.
- Processing fee for providing the translation of the application and/or the Annexes later than 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(i)).
- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the international application number and international filing date. The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) in that it:
 - is not executed in accordance with either 37 CFR 1.68 or 37 CFR 1.68.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$195 for a Small Entity:

- \$65 Surcharge.
- \$130 for English translation surcharge required.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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